

Building a Secure and Survivable Next Generation Internet

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- **Architectural Weaknesses of Today's Internet**
- **Network and Network Security Architectures of the Future (2005+)**
- **Technologies Needed to Address Weaknesses**
- **Issues**

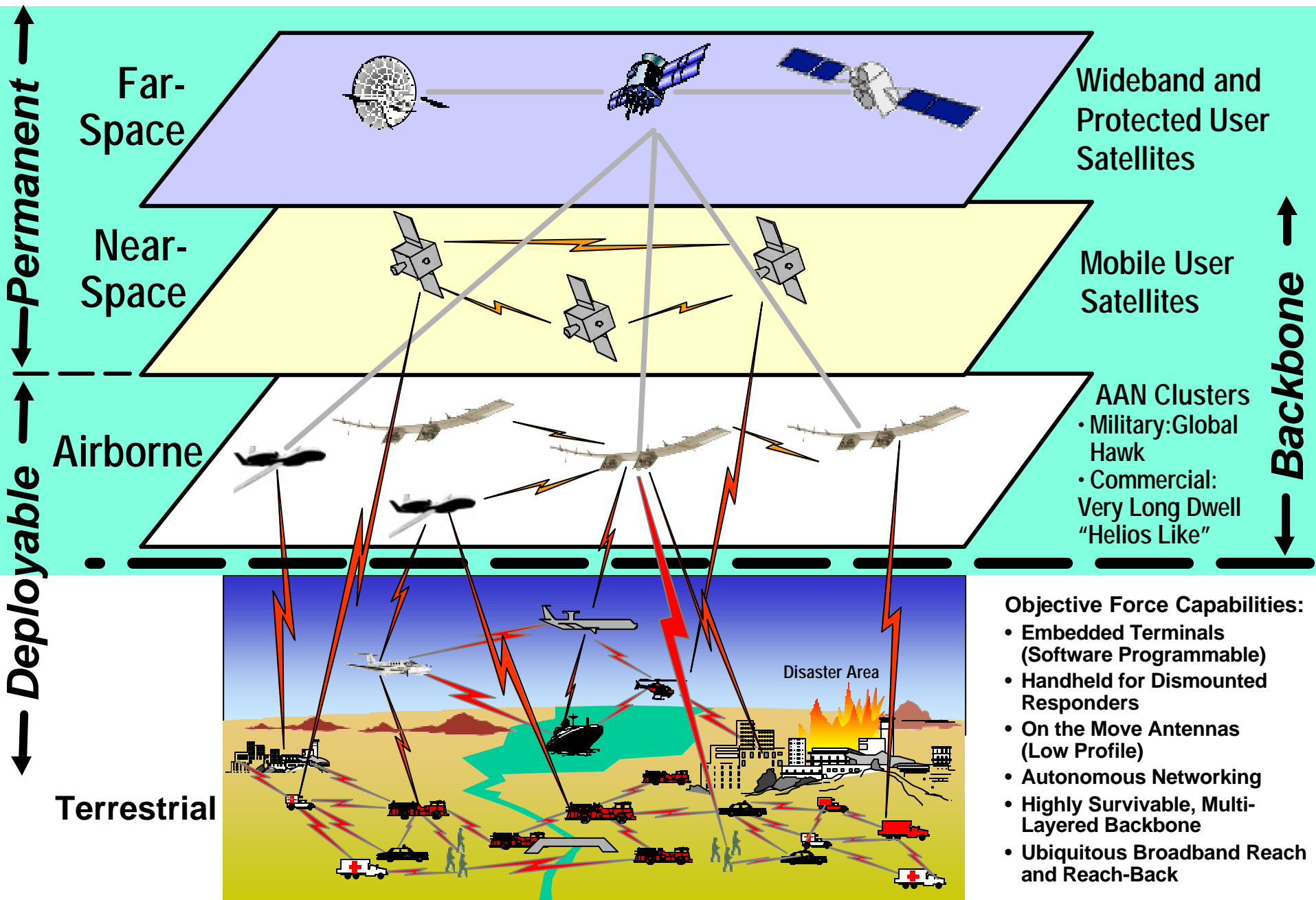
Physical Architecture:

- **Single layer Terrestrial Architecture heavily reliant on fiber backbone.**
 - **Easy to attack (backhoe, shovel, fishing net, boat anchor, bomb)**
 - **Fiber route locations available in the public domain**
 - **Repair/restoration time consuming**
 - **Extended regional outages possible**

Network Security Architecture Weaknesses :

- **Security Architectures Developed as afterthought**
- **Thousands of “back doors” and vulnerabilities**
- **Application of “software patches” time consuming**
- **The technical skills to identify and properly respond to major cyber attack beyond the skills of most systems administrators or network managers**
- **Tools to identify and respond to attacks inadequate**
 - **Just identifying whether the problem is an attack or system failure often difficult**
- **New “exploits” discovered and published worldwide daily**
- **Attacks becoming more sophisticated, software scripts widely available, required skills to conduct attack decreasing**
- **A risk accepted by one in the network is a risk imposed on all**

Survivable Network Architecture (Homeland Security Response Force 2010+)



Building a Secure And Survivable Internet: Future Technologies to Enhance Physical Survivability

- **Space:**

(Internet in Space Adds Survivable Layer to Internet Architecture)

- Laser and Broadband Radio Frequency Cross-Links
- Optical Switching
- Cross-banding
- On Board Switching and Routing

- **Air:**

(Provides Emergency Restoration if Terrestrial Infrastructure Damaged or Destroyed)

- Long Loiter High Altitude Unmanned Vehicles
- Broadband Communications Links (To Space, Air, Terrestrial)
- On Board Switching And Routing

- **Terrestrial**

(Reduces Reliance on Vulnerable Fiber Links, Speeds Restoration)

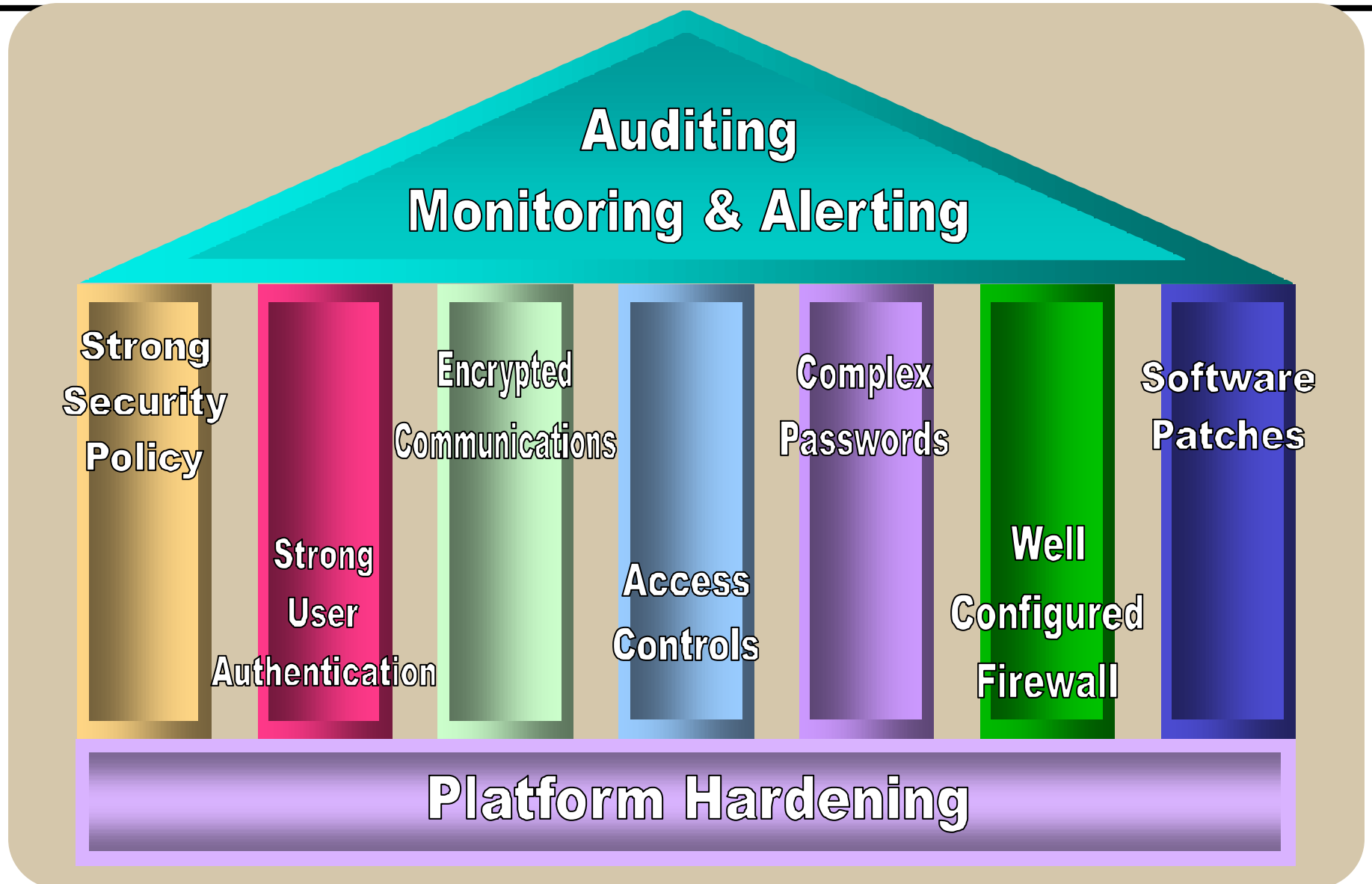
- Broad Band Radio Frequency Nodes and User Terminals
- Directional Antennas (Phased Array)
- Rapid Recovery Nodes/Teams

*(Assures Rapid
Restoration and
Enhances
Security)*

- **Network:**

- Autonomous Networking
- Ad Hoc Networking Protocols
- Secure “Next Generation IP”

Network Security Architecture



Building a Secure And Survivable Internet: Future Technologies to Enhance Cyber Security

- **Broadband Radio Frequency and Laser Link Encryption**
- **Unbreakable End to End Encryption (Quantum?)**
- **Advanced Firewalls**
- **Real Time Attack Sensing (vs. System Failure)**
- **Advanced Intrusion Detection**
- **Attacker Response: Hot Pursuit, Backtracking, Disabling**
- **Network and Computer Forensics**
- **Trojan Horse Detectors**
- **Advanced Virus Detectors**
- **Virus “Sponge”**
- **Advanced System “Scrubbers” and “Sanitizers”**
- **Advanced Software Patch Implementation**
- **Advanced Network Security Scanning**
- **“Virtual Presence” Network Security Monitoring**

Physical Security Enhancements:

- **Multi-Layered Network Architecture (Space, Air, Terrestrial Layers)**
- **Redundant Nodes, Multi-Link Topologies (Eliminate Single Point Failures)**

Cyber Security Enhancements:

- **Multi-Layered Network Security Architecture**
- **Security Standards Compliance (ISO 17799, etc.)**

Both:

- **Systems And Network Hardening**
- **Back Door Elimination**

- **Who Is The Overall Integrator?**
 - Government + Commercial, Space+ Air+Terrestrial
 - Who Pays?
- **What Is The Role Of The Department Of Homeland Security?**
- **Are DoD “Protected” and/or “Secure” Communications Needed to Support Mission Critical Commercial Users In Homeland Security Scenarios?**
 - (Banking, Commerce, Transportation, Medical, etc.)
- **How Much “Protected” Communications Are Required To Run Federal, State, Local Governments, Restore Critical Economic Functions, And Support Disaster Recovery Teams?**
- **Who Gets Communications Priority?**
- **Is A System Similar to DoD’s INFOCON Levels Needed For the U.S. Commercial Internet Based On Cyber Threat Level?**
 - Are there scenarios where the U.S. commercial Internet would be shut off from the rest of the world to protect our infrastructure from attack.
 - How do we respond to attacks originated in other countries?

